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THE ARTS

1. Allen, Richard.
Hitchcock's romantic irony / Richard Allen. Columbia University Press, ©2007. 295 p. 791.430233 ALL

Drawing on a wide range of Hitchcock scholarship that now spans half a century, Richard Allen presents an insightful discussion of gender, sexuality, and aesthetics in the films of Alfred Hitchcock. According to the author, Hitchcock's unique cinematic intelligence is best understood in the context of the entire pattern of Hitchcock's work. In this book, Allen offers a fresh interpretation of the great director's work and describes how Hitchcock's characteristic tone is achieved through a titillating combination of suspense and black humor. Allen examines more than thirty Hitchcock films providing a wealth of wisdom sure to engage his admirers. -- CH/ND

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

2. Byrne, Jo-Ann C.
The successful leadership development program : how to build it and how to keep it going / Jo-Ann C. Byrne and Richard T. Rees. Pfeiffer, ©2006. 184 p. 658.4092 BYR

This nicely organized book on leadership clearly stands apart from the rest in its target audience. While most books on leadership primarily focus on individual leadership development, this one focuses on the process that would allow an organization to build its own program from the ground up or "plug in" to the process at points of their specific relevance. In order to beat today's highly competitive and volatile business environment, it is crucial that leaders be effective, productive, and efficient. This book specifically addresses this latent need of today's organizations, concentrating on leadership development programs within organizations. The book will come handy in planning and designing, developing the documents, selling the concepts, conducting the training, and measuring the outcomes of leadership programs. It is duly supplemented with very good examples and written in a clear and easy to comprehend tone. The accompanying CD, which includes tools, forms, and samples

for creating one's own program, further adds to the flavor of the book. -- CH

3. Cases on information technology and business process reengineering / Mehdi Khosrow-Pour, editor-in-chief. Idea Group Pub., ©2006. 357 p. 658.514 CAS

The growing importance of information technology has spurred business and other organizations to attempt to fit their organizational structures and processes to take maximum advantage of information technology solutions. Khosrow-Pour presents 21 case studies of such organizational efforts intended to illustrate the pitfalls and opportunities of business process reengineering project implementation and management. Topics include a health board's enterprise system implementation, workflow-supported invoice management, business process reengineering in government agencies, Internet-based workflow systems, information systems redesign within a state social services agency, reengineering efforts within a showroom wholesaler, distance learning and Web-based training, reorganization of a Department of Motor Vehicles, and reengineering distribution for a beer distributor, among others. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

4. Complete guide to reducing energy costs. Consumer Reports, ©2006. 156 p. REF 644 COM

This timely book is packed with lots of easy-to-follow recommendations for saving energy dollars. This valuable advice comes straight from the experts of Consumer Reports in the areas of home improvement, appliances, and autos. The book offers energy-saving solutions that are cost-effective or free, and easy to follow. Written for a wide audience, this book comes as a great relief at a time when energy costs have risen steeply. -- (For use only in the Library) CH

5. Dent, Stephen M.
Partnership intelligence : creating value for your business by building strong alliances / Stephen M. Dent. 2nd ed. Davies-Black Pub., ©2004. 282 p. 658.044 DEN

Counting on his twenty-five years of experience helping companies improve performance, Stephen Dent presents a partnership continuum model for enhancing the partnership quotient (PQ). Being a pioneer in PQ theory, research, and application, Dent convincingly illustrates a proven process for generating powerful alliances. His text is authoritative and completely updated with new case studies including the award-winning case study of the Bank of America-Exult, Inc. partnership. His clear explanations make it easy to apply models and tools which can be put to practice by every organization to increase their Partnership Intelligence and create sustainable competitive advantage. -- CH/K/M/ND

COMMUNICATION

6. Friend, Cecilia.
Online journalism ethics : traditions and transitions / Cecilia Friend and Jane B. Singer. M.E. Sharpe, ©2007. 246 p. 174 FRI

Journalists Friend and Singer take a look at contemporary blogging practices and media convergence to explore who qualifies as a journalist in the current shift in trend. Guiding prospective and professional journalists through several ethical questions that have surfaced as a result of sweeping changes in information communication technology as well as changes in journalism practices, this book examines the issues of gathering information, reporting, interviewing, and writing for mainstream news organizations on the Web. In an age when anyone can be a publisher, the book also scrutinizes fundamental questions like "What is journalism?" and "Who is a journalist?" Authors believe that today's digital journalists are as legitimate as traditional ones provided their role has an analogous ethical basis. Each chapter in this valuable title is exemplified by a complex case study. -- ND

7. Global communication / edited by Yahya R. Kamalipour. 2nd ed. Thomson Wadsworth, ©2007. 356 p. 302.2 GLO

This volume is a comprehensive examination of global communication, a major component of globalization. The book brings together diverse issues and perspectives from some of the world's most notable and accomplished communication scholars. It includes several emerging and controversial topics, including recent trends in media consolidation, cultural implications of globalization, international broadcasting, international communication law and regulation, the impact of the Internet, and trends in communication and information technologies. The book is primarily intended for upper-level undergraduate and lower-level graduate students, and will also benefit researchers, journalists and individuals interested in globalization and global communication. --

CH/K

8. Hutchison, Earl R.
The art of feature writing : from newspaper features and magazine articles to commentary / Earl R. Hutchison. Oxford University Press, ©2008. 350 p. 808 HUT

Hutchison squeezes his years of expertise in writing and communication in this volume. Targeted at the students and learners of writing, the title introduces students to the art of freelance writing and takes them through the various steps of writing. He introduces the readers to the different phases of freelance writing like idea, research, interview, organization and writing. He also highlights the revision process, the market selection process, and the marketing of write-ups. He advises readers on handling rejections. Rich pedagogical features including key points, chapter summaries and numerous exercises further add to the usefulness of the book. Potential writers will get a fair glimpse of the sophisticated skill of writing and will develop a better understanding of the career of a writer. -- ND

9. Joselit, David.
Feedback : television against democracy / David Joselit. MIT Press,
©2007. 210 p. 302.2345 JOS

In Feedback, Joselit explores the irony of American television. On one hand it is considered to be an important instrument of democracy while on the other it is a privately owned medium in which most Americans do not get the opportunity to freely express themselves except as passive spectators. Joselit argues that the television projects itself as a community platform but it actually prevents the formation of social ties because the highly centralized corporate structure that controls television is actually antidemocratic. The author analyzes and recounts the tactics developed by artists and media activists in the 1960s and 1970s to break open its closed circuit. -- M

10. The SAGE handbook of conflict communication : integrating theory, research, and practice / editors, John G. Oetzel, Stella Ting-Toomey. Sage Publications, ©2006. 792 p. REF 303.6 SAG

This handbook is a unique resource for conflict management that specifically addresses the topic from a communications perspective. This perspective places primacy in the message as the focus of conflict research and practice. The contributors put forward key theories, researches, and practices of conflict communication in various contexts. The purpose of the book is three-fold—to assemble in one resource the knowledge base of the field of conflict communication; to identify the best theories, ideas, and practices of conflict communication; and to provide the opportunity for scholars and practitioners to link theoretical framework and application tools. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K/M/ND

ECONOMICS

11. Brue, Stanley L.
Essentials of economics / Stanley L. Brue and Campbell R. McConnell. McGraw-Hill, ©2007. 477 p. 330 BRU

Essential of Economics seeks to serve as a one semester economics textbook that would fit nicely in various one-term courses. It incorporates

core components of economics in a format designed specifically for one-semester courses. It covers both macroeconomics and microeconomics and has been written in a clear and explanatory language. The book elaborates on principles essential for understanding economic problems, specific economic issues, and policy alternatives. It helps the students reason accurately and objectively about economic matters, which will promote a lasting interest in economics and economy. -- K/M/ND

12. Phelps, Edmund S.
Rewarding work : how to restore participation and self-support to free enterprise ; with a new preface / Edmund S. Phelps. Harvard University Press, 2007. 198 p. 331.21 PHE

Explicitly addressed to the general public and policymakers, this book argues against the commonly held notion about low-wage workers. Phelps, an economist at Columbia University, proposes and defends the policy of providing wage subsidies to low-wage workers. He argues that the problem of marginal employment has reached a crisis level in the society. He also points out that the gap between the wages of the lowest-paid workers and those on top has widened dramatically. Wages below poverty level could lead to crime, drug abuse, alcoholism, rising prison populations, disenfranchised youth, and racial tensions. To address these and other problems, Phelps proposes a wage subsidy for low-wage work. He argues that his proposal would facilitate the economic reintegration of the lowest-paid workers into America's mainstream. -- ND

13. The economics of water quality / edited by K. William Easter and Naomi Zeitouni. Ashgate, ©2006. 592 p. 333.91 ECO

Easter and Zeitouni compile 34 journal essays in this collection focusing on the economics of water quality. The essays, from 1982 to 2005, consist of economic studies of key water quality issues and economic and social aspects, such as polluters' actions and incentives, the design and comparison of tools for protection, the cost and benefits of improvement projects, and the management of transboundary water quality. Topics focus on industrial and agricultural sectors; policy tools, including regulation, standards, taxes, subsidies, liability, and pollution permits and nutrient trading; water contamination that crosses national boundaries; and new policy directions. The essays also make recommendations for improving

incentives, programs, and policies. Articles are mostly authored by agricultural economists and scientists from universities and government organizations around the world. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

14. Williams, Robert G.
The money changers : a guided tour through global currency markets / Robert G. Williams. Zed Books Ltd., 2006. 286 p.
332.45 WIL

This text looks at the mechanics of foreign exchange market and is for the readers who would like to have a feel of global currency markets. The book does not intend to be a technical manual nor does it promise to be a get-rich-quick tract. It takes the readers through the places, machines, circuitry and people involved in moving the world's money, intending to give the readers fair understanding of the geographical and structural organization of global currency markets and the people who operate them. It talks about currency traders, market analysts, money managers and payments system architects, their workplaces, and their day-to-day experiences, which give the readers a simplified representation of complex and volatile international money management structure. -- ND

EDUCATION

15. Heppner, Frank H.
Teaching the large college class : a guidebook for instructors with multitudes / Frank Heppner. Jossey-Bass, ©2007. 190 p.
378.12 HEP

With experience in teaching large classes and in coaching other professors to do the same, Heppner shows how to involve a large class. This book comes in handy in today's academic environment where little or no training or instruction is provided to new professors about how to manage large classes successfully. It is an extremely valuable resource for any college teacher facing a large class. Apart from the teaching faculties, this book is also an indispensable volume for those college administrators seeking to train their faculty members. Written in an accessible and user-friendly style, it employs teaching-as-acting as a

common theme. Several practical examples add to the mandate of the book, illustrating different aspects of organizing, managing, and teaching large college classes. -- CH/ND

16. Oakes, Jeannie.
Teaching to change the world / Jeannie Oakes and Martin Lipton.
3rd ed. McGraw-Hill Higher Education, ©2007. 371.01 OAK

In this textbook, Oakes and Lipton, an education writer and consultant who has taught in public schools, emphasize schooling as a social and cultural activity, and the U.S. as a multicultural society. They survey the foundations, practices, context, and profession of teaching, and aim to show educators how to create a learning environment based on social justice by considering values and politics, and addressing conventional thinking and inequalities, as well as "authentic learning experiences" that transform thinking, promote intellectual development, and prepare students for participation in society. They outline the best methods based on this perspective. In this thoroughly revised edition, the chapters on learning theories have been integrated with others, those on instruction and assessment have been divided, and two new ones link teaching to social context, policy and law, and demographics. The No Child Left Behind Act is also addressed, and new pedagogical features and photos have been added. The volume makes an interesting and easy read, packed with information that will come in handy to anyone who is into teaching, especially those who would like to explore teaching in a culturally diverse society like America. -- CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

ENVIRONMENT

17. Cohen, Steven.
Understanding environmental policy / Steven Cohen. Columbia
University Press, ©2006. 172 p. 363.7056 COH

Formulating sound and effective environmental policies call for fair understanding of political, scientific, management and moral aspects. In this book, Steven Cohen judiciously integrates various facets and introduces an innovative, multidimensional framework for developing

effective environmental policy within the United States and around the world. He supports his advocacy with the help of four case studies that encompass current local, national, and international environmental challenges. He highlights New York City's garbage crisis, the problem of leaks from underground storage units, toxic waste contamination and the Superfund program, and global climate change. Cohen illustrates the how our current environmental policies and programs reflect our value on ecosystems. Cohen's multifaceted approach will be welcomed by the analysts, managers, activists, students, and scholars of environmental policy. -- K/ND

18. Harnessing farms and forests in the low-carbon economy : how to create, measure, and verify greenhouse gas offsets / edited by Zach Willey and Bill Chameides. Duke University Press, ©2007. 229 p. 363.738 HAR

This timely guide is a comprehensive technical manual directed to achieving a low-carbon economy. The title appears at a time when the U.S. is positively responding to the rising concerns about global warming and is aspiring to become a low-carbon economy. In the new low-carbon economy, credits for reducing carbon dioxide emissions will increasingly become a commodity that is bought and sold on the open market. This guide provides direction to landowners, farmers and foresters to conduct better land management practices and offers a comprehensive overview of the principles that underpin carbon offsets, and the methods for quantifying them. -- CH/K/ND

19. Marzilli, Allan.
Disaster relief / Alan Marzilli. Chelsea House, ©2007. 127 p. 363.348 MAR

This book captures the debate and controversy about natural disasters in the United States, which remains on the minds of most Americans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Cataclysmic events continue to have a strong economic impact and cause disruption in people's lives in the United States. Politicians are divided over the role of federal government in preparing for and responding to natural disasters. There are also disagreements over coordination of local, state, and federal governments. The volume also looks at the differences over the adequacy of federal

financial aid to disaster victims and future of a federal program that provides low-cost flood insurance. -- M

20. Odum, Howard T.
Environment, power, and society for the twenty-first century : the hierarchy of energy / Howard T. Odum. Columbia University Press, ©2007. 418 p. 333.79 ODU

This cogent volume reflects the coherent and distinctive approach of Howard T. Odum and his pioneering scholarship in the field of ecological engineering, ecological economics, and environmental accounting. In this book, he establishes the relationship of human energy systems, including social and economic systems to the overall energy cycles of the Earth's ecosystem. He refines his original theories and also introduces new measures. He also makes sensible projections and proposals for society's energy future. His inference is compelling and convincing and brings insight to a whole new generation of students and scholars. -- K/M/ND

21. Ruhl, J.B.
The law and policy of ecosystem services / J.B. Ruhl, Steven E. Kraft and Christopher L. Lant. Island Press, ©2007. 345 p. 333.7 RUH

The Law and Policy of Ecosystem Services is relatively wide in its scope and structure and perhaps the most comprehensive survey of the status and future of natural capital and ecosystem services in American law and policy. The book provides a framework for thinking about ecosystem services across their ecologic, geographic, economic, social, and legal dimensions. It also assesses the prospects of crafting a legal infrastructure for building a robust ecosystem service economy. It identifies drawbacks and limitations of current law and policy as well as critical areas for improvement. According to the authors there is general inadequacy in the existing law and policy about natural capital and ecosystem services. They look forward towards shaping law and policy to create a sustainable system of ecosystem service management. -- CH/M/ND

22. The economics of global environmental change : international cooperation for sustainability / edited by Mario Cogoy and Karl W. Steininger. Edward Elgar, ©2007. 277 p. 333.7 ECO

The seven chapters presented by Cogoy and Steininger explore different issues related to global environmental change, its economic analysis, and suitable policy responses. The volume opens with discussion of the interrelationship between international trade and national environmental policies, international ecosystem approaches to environmental change attributable to land use patterns, and the economics and politics of international agreements on biodiversity conservation. Also presented are the concept of Integrated Water Resources Management, which incorporates understanding of interactions between water bodies and pollutants together with the social relations involved in water usage; a summary of the theoretical literature on the formation and stability of international environmental agreements on transboundary pollution control; and a discussion of the role of equity and international distribution of income in multilateral negotiations on environmental agreements. -- K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

23. Risen, Clay.
A nation on fire : America in the wake of the King assassination / Clay Risen. John Wiley & Sons, ©2009. 292 p. 973.923 KIN

In this compelling volume, Risen takes the readers back to the 1960s, when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated followed by the waves of violence that swept America in its wake. Risen's account is eye-opening, emphasizing cagey analysis as well as a recreation of the atmosphere and events following King's brutal slaying. Unquestionably important, Risen's detailed narrative documents each riot individually, offering both statistics and accounts from witnesses and participants in the rioting, looting, and arson. Risen also documents President Johnson's personal struggle to maintain order in a wounded country that increasingly disapproved of him, and speeches made by Robert Kennedy and Stokely Carmichael which are believed to have quelled (at least temporarily) the violence. Perhaps more important than his acute historical knowledge is Risen's perspective on the causes of each riot and the emotional toll they took on the

American public, which he correlates directly to subsequent loss of support for the civil rights movement. Risen has clearly crafted a crucial addition to civil rights history that will absorb anyone interested in the times, the movement or MLK Jr. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2009)

24. Schlesinger, Arthur M.
Journals, 1952-2000 / Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. ; edited by Andrew Schlesinger and Stephen Schlesinger. Penguin Press, 2007. 894 p.
973.91 SCH

Schlesinger was an eminent liberal public intellectual of the post-World War II era, who authored 19 books, including Pulitzer Prize winners, and was regarded as the intellectual-in-chief of the Kennedy administration. His two sons, Andrew and Stephen have brilliantly summarized their father's 6,000-page journal into a readable account of his life. Although most entries in the book are serious and lengthy reflections on presidencies and presidential campaigns, especially those of Adlai Stevenson, John F. Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy, also included are such amusing details as the fact that Schlesinger disliked Jimmy Carter because he reminded him of Nixon and he was annoyed by Rolling Stone publisher Jan Wenner because he never picked up the lunch tab. Yet he hit it off with Mick Jagger when the rocker invited him and his wife to a party. Ultimately, Schlesinger's take on the last half of the 20th century will delight many, infuriate some, and inform all readers. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

25. Siegel, Fred.
The prince of the city : Giuliani, New York, and the genius of American life / Fred Siegel with Harry Siegel. Encounter Books, 2007. 392 p. 974.71043

Elected as mayor to reform New York City, Rudolph Giuliani offended liberal pieties in arguably the most liberal city in America. According to Giuliani, crime's root cause was not poverty but lax law enforcement; poverty was not alleviated by social welfare programs but perpetuated by them; and the public schools needed not more money but fewer bureaucrats. Chronicling the application of these heretical precepts during Giuliani's mayoralty (1994-2002), historian Siegel

examines the extent to which they reformed city affairs amid vocal resistance from unions, social-service agencies, the school bureaucracy, and identity-group politicians. His tone is generally supportive of Giuliani's aims, and Siegel prefaces his narrative with a summary of the city's chronic fiscal fragility, which conservative analysts diagnosed as the consequence of economy-suffocating taxes, regulations, and Mob shakedowns, and which liberals maintained was the result of insufficient taxes, social programs, and ethnic-group inclusiveness. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2007)

INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

26. Emerging information resource management and technologies / ed. by Mehdi Khosrow-Pour. Idea Group Publishing, ©2007. 359 p. 004.068 EME

Specialists in information technology from around the world summarize recent insights from research and practice on information technology reforms, developments, and changes for business. Their topics include salary differences between male and female software developers, evidence of compensatory adaptation to unnatural media in a field study of process redesign dyads, and ways to up the value ladder for Indian software small and medium-size enterprises. The title addresses the pursuit of today's firms for better adaptation of contemporary technology for effectively managing their information resources. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

27. Poster, Mark.
Information please : culture and politics in the age of digital machines / Mark Poster. Duke University Press, ©2006. 303 p. 303.4833 POS

Media and global digital culture scholar Mark Poster scrutinizes the existing relationships between the new forms of global communication and national cultures from both a theoretical and substantive perspective. This book reflects his coherent approach to a gamut of issues that have resulted from the penetration of information technology into almost every aspect of human life. In today's age of electronically mediated

information, Poster seeks to conceptualize a new relationship of humans to information machines. Taking into account a broad spectrum of critical theory, he explores how texts, images, and sounds are made different when they are mediated by information machines. He also takes into account individual, social, and political impact of these differences and the potential of this new equation in creating opportunities for progressive change. -- CH/K

28. Stockwell, Foster.
A history of information storage and retrieval / Foster Stockwell.
McFarland, [2008]. 200 p. 025 STO

The acquisition and storage of knowledge has always been a key element in the development of human society. Stockwell gives us a concise overview of how the human race has collected, stored, and shared knowledge. He reviews the history to illustrate the progression of knowledge collection since ancient times, when human minds served as the repositories of culture and wisdom, through the first libraries and encyclopedias, to the advancements of the 20th century. At its core is the history of the encyclopedia, but on the edges it is much more. In the first chapter Stockwell discusses the limitations of human memory. He points out that the human brain is in a state of constant deterioration, which makes memory a poor instrument for the storage and retrieval of precise information. As Stockwell puts it, "knowledge has to be transmitted by deteriorating old minds to deteriorating young ones." He devotes the rest of the text to tracing the history of the storage of knowledge from earliest oral traditions to today's computers. This is a readable book that hits upon the high points of the history of recorded knowledge, how it is stored and how it is shared. -- K/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

29. Woodward, Jeannette A.
What every librarian should know about electronic privacy / Jeannette Woodward. Libraries Unlimited, ©2007. 222 p.
025.5 WOO

Practitioner and consultant Woodward portrays today's library users, addressing many forms of privacy invasion and the parties who are responsible for them. The book is packed with a lot of information and

practical advice for the library and information science professionals. It illustrates what can be done to prevent identity theft of patrons, describes the specific tools businesses and others use to mine data, and how record-keeping figures into protecting patrons from risk. It also shows stepwise development of a plan to keep confidential data safe from unauthorized access. The author also addresses the ramifications of the Patriot Act on privacy and on educating patrons and advocating safer ways of using the Internet. A glossary of terms and acronyms are provided for better comprehension of the issues. Apart from practicing librarians, the book will also prove to be worthy reading for anyone interested in understanding the electronic privacy threats they are subjected to in today's networked world. -- M

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

30. Martel, William C.
Victory in war : foundations of modern military policy / William C. Martel. Cambridge University Press, 2007. 436 p. 355.0335 MAR

This book explores the concept of victory in war and several other associated dilemmas. Questions that have been analyzed in this fresh and original title include "How long does it take to achieve victory," and "How do we know that victory is achieved?" It also attempts to explore the possibility of winning a war without losing the peace in light of the wars against Afghanistan and Iraq. The book talks about conventional definitions of victory, its evolution, and implementation. It then looks at the military instruments necessary for victory in the twenty-first century. In its analysis, it digs through different case studies including the U.S. military interventions in Panama, Libya, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia and Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq. -- CH

LAW

31. Bartee, Alice Fleetwood.
Privacy rights : cases lost and causes won before the Supreme Court / Alice Fleetwood Bartee. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, ©2006. 293 p. 342.730858 BAR

Based on extraordinary constitutional and legal research, this interesting book offers a study of the American judicial process as it confronts four privacy issues—birth control, gay rights, abortion, and the right to die. In four historic cases, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the right to privacy and in four later cases, these rulings were overturned. Bartee explains the original failure by analyzing attorneys' mistakes, miscommunication in the judicial conference, attitudes and policy predilections of the justices, and the negative attitudes of state officials and interest groups. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

32. Biodiversity conservation handbook : state, local, and private protection of biological diversity / edited by Robert B. McKinstry, Jr. Coreen Ripp and Emily Lisy. Environmental Law Institute, ©2006. 651 p. 333.9516 BIO

This handbook provides the readers a background on various biodiversity programs and evaluates their impact at the state and local level. It explores how science can inform and be integrated into biodiversity programs and suggests legal tools that states can use during implementation. Designed to assist state and local policymakers, the heads-up and hands-on approach of this book seeks to encourage them to “think globally and act locally” through various state and local biodiversity programs. -- CH/M/ND

33. Frankel, Tamar.
Trust and honesty : America's business culture at a crossroad / Tamar Frankel. Oxford University Press, ©2006. 253 p. 345.730263 FRA

In this thought-provoking and original book, Tamar Frankel is concerned about the rising dishonesty and financial abuse in the

United States. During the previous three decades, fraud has risen in the U.S. and at the same time legal, moral and theoretical barriers to abuse of trust have also fallen. Frankel opines that a culture of dishonesty is costly and it eventually hits economic prosperity. She is worried that fraud and the abuse of trust in American culture may have an adverse effect on its economy and prosperity. Finally, she presents her own thesis on coping up with this dangerous trend, demonstrating how despite an element of “bad apples” that differ in opinion about the precise meaning of trust and truth, society as a whole can still remain to be honest if it aspires to do so. -- K

34. Gillespie, Tarleton.
Wired shut : copyright and the shape of digital culture / Tarleton Gillespie. MIT Press, ©2007. 395 p. 346.0482 GIL

Tarleton Gillespie captures the concerns in protecting copyright in today's digital environment and shows how the onset of digitization has changed the mandate over copyright protection. The enforcement of copyright law appears to have shifted from regulating copyright and do's and don'ts of copyrighted work to regulating the design of technology like strategic use of encryption technology. This shift to technical copy protection and its profound political, economic, and cultural implications have been adequately discussed by Gillespie. Anyone interested in copyright law in the digital environment would appreciate Gillespie's treatment of the subject. -- M

LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

35. Altieri, Charles.
The art of twentieth-century American poetry : modernism and after / Charles Altieri. Blackwell Publishing, 2006. 245 p. 811.509 ALT

Preeminent critic Altieri contributes his trademark enthusiasm and expertise to this introduction to modernist poetry, imbuing, as always, his analysis with his joy of discovery. In this invigorating introduction to modernist American poetry, he follows the feeling of exhilarating liberation created by early modernist formal experiments as it deflated

in the face of acknowledged limitations. Altieri contends that poets such as Wallace Stevens and W.H. Auden reformulated modernist strategies to develop new ways for poetry to take social responsibility, a project that was continued by poets such as Elizabeth Bishop, Robert Lowell and Adrienne Rich. This book will invite both students and scholars to connect with the world through poetry. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

36. Diggins, John P.
Eugene O'Neill's America : desire under democracy / John Patrick Diggins. University of Chicago Press, 2007. 305 p. 812.52 ONE

In this book, Diggins presents an insightful account of O'Neill's haunted past and the cultural background in which his plays were grounded. Well researched and equally well written, Diggins beautifully captures a rich detailed portrait of the playwright's life—from his early years to his relationships with his troubled mother and brother. According to author, O'Neill mined this disjunction like no other American writer. His characters burn with longing for an idealized future composed of equal parts material success and individual freedom, but repeatedly they fall back to earth, pulled by the tendrils of family and the insatiability of desire. The book offers an entirely new view of America's greatest playwright and a new picture of American democracy itself. -- CH/M/ND

37. Fuller, Randall.
Emerson's ghosts : literature, politics, and the making of Americanists / Randall Fuller. Oxford University Press, 2007. 194 p. 814.3 EME

The focus of this title is construction of Ralph Waldo Emerson by some of the most influential American literary critics of the twentieth century. Fuller attempts to provide an institutional history of American literary studies throughout the twentieth century and occurring against the sweeping backdrop of American's national and cultural history. By focusing on a single author, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and analyzing the response to him by a set of four important scholars—Van Wyck Brooks, F.O. Matthiessen, Perry Miller, and Sacvan Bercovitch—Fuller reveals a great deal about the evolution of American literary scholarship and its related discipline, American studies. -- ND

38. Shades of the planet: American literature as world literature / edited by Wai Chee Dimock and Lawrence Buell. Princeton University Press, ©2007. 304 p. 810.9 SHA

Distinguished authors join together in this compact volume asking how the study of American literature can and should develop “a platform broader and more robustly empirical than the relatively arbitrary and demonstrably ephemeral borders of the nation.” They argue that in today’s globalized age, studying American literature in isolation cannot be advocated. In this challenging title, leading scholars take up this debate with the world as circumference rather than United States as center. This pioneering work sees American literature in the global framework attempting to transform the field, redrawing its institutional as well as geographical map. -- CH/K/M/ND

39. Stanlis, Peter J.
Robert Frost : the poet as philosopher / Peter J. Stanlis ; introduction by Timothy Steele. ISI Books, ©2007. 452 p. 811.52 FRO

As recognizable in his day as a rock star, revered as a father figure, and celebrated for his deceptively simple, even homey narrative and lyric poetry, Frost was one of the most famous American poets of the twentieth century. However, as Stanlis points out, Frost's work was actually rich and complex, informed by his scholarship and by his thorough understanding of his contexts. Frost's philosophical approach was able to accommodate both spirit and matter while critiquing the rising monistic forces that produced twentieth-century totalitarianism and scientific positivism. Making good use of his decades-long friendship and correspondence with Frost, Stanlis traces Frost's influences and his approach to such thinkers as Darwin, the Huxleys, Lovejoy, Einstein, and innovators in disciplines ranging from the arts to education. The book will appeal not just to fans of Frost but also to scholars and students in general. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

40. American sanctuary : understanding sacred spaces / edited by Louis P. Nelson. Indiana University Press, ©2006. 280 p. 203.5 AME

This brilliant collection of essays seeks to bring together scholarship that will redefine the study of American sacred space. Having its genesis in a graduate research seminar entitled "American Sacred Space," this volume covers a broad range of topics. The essays illustrate how American sacred practices have expanded well beyond traditional places of worship and institutionally sanctioned ritual. The introductory essay by Nelson focuses on the nature and character of sacred space. The essays are readable and adequately illustrated to hold the interest of readers. -- K

41. Anderson, Douglas R.
Philosophy Americana : making philosophy at home in American culture / Douglas R. Anderson. Fordham University Press, ©2006. 294 p. 191 AND

Philosophy Americana explores and establishes the relationship between American philosophy and other features of American culture. Douglas Anderson begins with the hypothesis that philosophy is alive and well in American culture. Through fifteen essays, he draws on the philosophical practices of American thinkers and addresses issues that arise in American popular culture. These essays stand alone and at the same time they work together to provide a landscape or at least a horizon of the author's own philosophical outlook. -- CH

42. Ethics in public relations : responsible advocacy / edited by Kathy Fitzpatrick and Carolyn Bronstein. Sage Publications, ©2006. 241 p. 174.9 ETH

Editors Kathy Fitzpatrick and Carolyn Bronstein bring together prominent authorities in the field to address issues that illustrate the broad scope and complexity of responsible advocacy in 21st-century public relations. According to the editors, a central dilemma of the public relations profession is that it is simultaneously obligated to serve the special interests of their clients and the public interest. Unsurprisingly, a host of

ethical issues arise from this dilemma. The ten papers contained here were chosen to illustrate the range and depth of theoretic and practical concerns related to these issues and the practice of public relations as "responsible advocacy." Topics include ethical management of relationships between organizations and activist groups, opportunities and challenges for responsible advocates in the nonprofit sphere resulting from the advent of electronic communication and the economic decline of American journalism, ethical issues that must be addressed when responding to legal and other crises, and the ethics of risk communication. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

43. Ledewitz, Bruce.
American religious democracy : coming to terms with the end of secular politics / by Bruce Ledewitz. Praeger Publishers, 2007. 242 p. 322.1 LED

The relationship between church and state is one of the most significant public religious issues confronting America. American political life after the 2004 presidential election is best understood as a religious democracy, though not of a fundamentalist variety. In the 2004 presidential election, the American people decided that the government should endorse religion and that religion would establish a basis for American public life. Ledewitz asks whether this endorsement is legitimate, if so how far it should go, in what forms it should take, and how secular voters and other dissidents should come to terms with it. He has successfully attempted to construct a clearer picture of the religious and political landscape in contemporary America. -- CH/K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

44. Religion and the new ecology : environmental responsibility in a world in flux / edited by David M. Lodge & Christopher Hamlin ; foreword by Peter H. Raven. University of Notre Dame Press, ©2006. 325 p. 201.77 REL

The contemporary paradigm shift in ecology including escalating pollution and consumption and global warming necessitates fresh thinking into the relation of religion and environmental ethics to ecology. This book addresses this specific facet of the global problem. Contributors to this volume believe that science and religion must come together in addressing

today's environmental threats. They shake the intellectual foundations on which the theories of our responsibility to nature are built. -- /K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

45. Barack Obama in his own words / edited by Lisa Rogak. Rev. and updated ed. Public Affairs, 2008. 193 p. 973.932 OBA

This book contains a good collection of quotes from Barack Obama. The collection clearly reflects where Obama stands on issues like abortion, religion, AIDS, foreign policy, Iraq, the War on Terror, unemployment, gay marriage, and a host of other important issues. It is a good research tool for anyone seeking insight into Barack Obama. It provides glimpses of the personal qualities that helped him win the confidence of American voters. -- M/ND

46. Campbell, Kurt.
Difficult transitions : foreign policy troubles at the outset of presidential power / Kurt M. Campbell and James B. Steinberg. Brookings Institution Press, ©2008. 204 p. 327.73 CAM

One of the most distinctive features of the American constitutional system is the process of transferring power from a sitting U.S. president to a president-elect. On the one hand, this phase in the American political system is filled with great hope and optimism, while on the other it also one of great risk. New presidents, during this transition phase, have several challenges before them, especially foreign policy. Campbell and Steinberg draw on their decades of government service and public diplomacy experience as presidential advisers in reviewing past foreign policy episodes and identifying the major pitfalls that a president-elect should avoid. -- CH/K/M/ND

47. De Medeiros, Michael.
Barack Obama / by Michael De Medeiros. Weigl Publishers,
©2009. 24 p. 973.932 OBA

The books in the Remarkable People series have explored the lives of some of the world's iconic personalities who have overcome major obstacles and have achieved distinctive success. Barack Obama is the latest addition in this series. It presents a concise biography of the 44th President of the United States. It illustrates how Obama met the challenges of life and moved ahead, achieving success all the way. Loaded with colored illustrations and colored maps, this title will especially attract the attention of the juvenile audience. -- CH/K/M/ND

48. Deborah Willis.
Obama : the historic campaign in photographs / by Deborah Willis
and Kevin Merida. Amistad, ©2008. 160 p. REF 973.932 OBA

150 striking color photographs—taken by professional photojournalists, volunteers, young supporters, and others—capture Obama's historical journey towards becoming the first African American U.S. president. This amazing collection of photographs presents both the public and private moments of Barack Obama's impressive journey and offers a pictorial narration of one of the great triumphs in American politics. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K/M/ND

49. Gender and election : shaping the future of American politics /
edited by Susan J. Carroll and Richard Logan Fox. Cambridge
University Press, 2006. 223 p. 324.973 GEN

This clearly written volume illustrates several issues related to gender and elections in contemporary American politics. It examines the most important developments for women as voters and candidates in the 2004 elections. The essays included in this volume offer a deeper analysis of the ways gender has helped shape electoral politics in the United States. They offer a broad understanding of the role and significance of gender in U.S. presidential elections, voter participation and turnout, voting choices, the participation of African American women, the support of political parties and women's organizations. -- CH

50. Jones, Ricky L.
What's wrong with Obamamania? : Black America, Black Leadership, and the death of political imagination / Ricky L. Jones ; with a foreword by J. Blaine Hudson. State University of New York Press, ©2008. 144 p. 973.932 OBA

Jones uses Barack Obama's presidential campaign to launch a fascinating and well-researched exploration into black leadership in America. The author is thoughtful and balanced in his assessment of the changing nature of black leadership—from W.E.B. Du Bois to Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson—and in his evaluation of the challenges facing the black community's newest generation of leaders. Jones contextualizes the Obama campaign as he documents the troubled state of politics in black America, illustrating the enduring effects of slavery and segregation and charting the burgeoning influence of modern mega churches, hip-hop culture and BET (Black Entertainment Television). Although Jones raises more questions than he answers, this book makes a compelling case for black leaders to re-examine, augment and sometimes discard old approaches and methods. Jones lucidly enumerates the potential challenges, choices and limitations Obama might have faced on his way to the presidency. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2008)

51. La Raja, Raymond J.
Small change : money, political parties, and campaign finance reform / Raymond J. La Raja. University of Michigan Press, ©2008. 287 p. 324.78 LAR

One of the common dilemmas of democracies is how to finance for politics. With money at the fulcrum of the campaigns, the topic is of interest to anyone concerned with democracy. In this engaging book, author traces the history of the U.S. campaign financial system from the late nineteenth century through the passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA) of 2002. He then shifts his focus on the 2004 U.S. presidential election to illustrate ways in which Democrats and Republicans adapted their national fund-raising and campaigning strategies within the limitations of BCRA regulations. The book offers an interesting historical account of campaign reform and also makes recommendations for reforming campaign finance for greater accountability to voters. -- CH/K

52. Obama, Barack.
The inaugural address, 2009 ; together with Abraham Lincoln's first and second inaugural addresses and the Gettysburg Address and Ralph Waldo Emerson's Self-reliance / Barack Obama. Penguin Books, ©2009. 97 p. 352.2386 OBA

This book is a keepsake edition that commemorates the historic inauguration of Barack Obama as the forty-fourth president of the United States. It presents his inaugural address together with writings by two great American thinkers, Abraham Lincoln and Ralph Waldo Emerson, who have helped season him politically, philosophically, and personally. This great collection of historic American essays and speech, with Lincoln and Emerson's most influential and eloquent words tied with Obama's much-anticipated historical inaugural address, embody the American values and ideals that Obama evoked on election night. Anyone interested in the enduring legacy of American political and social values will find this book a great read. -- CH/K/M/ND

53. Smith, Brian C.
Good governance and development / B.C. Smith. Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. 320 p. 320.91724 SMI

This book explores the constitutional, political, administrative, and public policy implications of various 'good governance' agendas for the governance of developing and newly democratizing countries. The discussion is especially in context of countries that are in transition from authoritarian rule in one or other of its forms, and for whom aid in areas other than governance may be dependent upon satisfying political conditionalities. The purpose of the book is three fold. It begins with an assessment of each item on the good governance agenda for its contribution to development and the cost to society of bad governance. Next, it looks at how international development agencies view each dimension of governance, and what reforms they are supporting to improve its quality. Finally, it finds out the contribution political science can make to an understanding of each dimension of governance. -- K

54. Street, Paul Louis.
Barack Obama and the future of American politics / Paul Street.
Paradigm Publishers, ©2009. 280 p. 973.932 OBA

Paul Street, an independent journalist, argues that Obama, contrary to the popular perceived image of the 'change candidate,' continues the Democratic Party's move away from its declared mission of supporting the disadvantaged. Street presents the poll findings and facts in support of his case that Obama has shifted to the right rather than the center. He makes recommendations on how an "active citizens' network" could nudge Obama toward progressive change, despite America's long tradition of supporting the status quo power structure. -- CH/K/M/ND

PSYCHOLOGY

55. Emerging adults in America : coming of age in the 21st century /
edited by Jeffery Jensen Arnett and Jennifer Lynn Tanner.
American Psychological Association, ©2006. 341 p. 305.242 EME

This volume portrays the lives of young Americans between adolescence and young adulthood. Eighteen academics from the United States and Canada contribute 13 chapters on emerging adulthood—a theory of development from the late teens through the 20s. Coverage includes an introductory overview to the theory; issues of cognitive and identity development, ethnic identity, and resilience and mental health during emerging adulthood; salient contexts of emerging adulthood, including family and family supports, relationship experiences with friends and romantic partners, sexuality, the transition from school to work, and media use and its effects; emerging adulthood as a worldwide phenomenon; and the importance of using qualitative methods in research on emerging adults. This academic text is intended for developmental psychologists, therapists, mental health professionals, but is equally accessible to interested general readers. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

56. Responsibility at work : how leading professionals act (or don't act) responsibly / edited by Howard Gardner. Jossey-Bass, ©2007. 348 p. 174.4 RES

This volume is part of the GoodWork Project, which studied the concept of good work for about 10 years through interviews with some 1,200 Americans in a variety of fields. Gardner assembles 14 chapters that consider responsibilities that arise in the workplace and presents a model that demonstrates the factors that underlie good work—personal standards, and cultural, social, and outcome controls—as well as lessons learned from different professions, and recommendations on improvement. Chapters detail the characteristics of good work—particularly achieving work that is socially responsible, ethical, and moral—in law, medicine, philanthropy, genetics, theater, journalism, business, K-12 education, and higher education, and aspects such as caring, creativity, religion, responsibility at different stages of life, gender, culture, limiting responsibility, and irresponsible work. Both subject and name indexes are provided. Contributors to this volume were either participants in the GoodWork Project or are scholars in the fields of educational and positive developmental psychology, education, and humanities. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

57. Silvia, Paul J.
Exploring the psychology of interest / Paul Silvia. Oxford University Press, ©2006. 263 p. 153.1 SIL

Psychological theories of interest mostly split into two fields, notes Silvia in his introduction. On the one hand, interest as part of emotional experience, curiosity, and momentary motivation, and on the other, interest as a part of personality and individual difference. He introduces diverse literature to both of these areas, seeking to highlight the connections between different areas. In dealing with interest as emotion, he presents chapters on the emotional qualities of interest, classic and modern theories of curiosity, and interest and reading. He then turns to interest as an aspect of personality, discussing individual differences related to interest, motivational development, attributions for emotions as a cognitive mechanism that bridges transient experience and enduring aspects of personality, and vocational interest. Final chapters look at other approaches towards the psychology of interest and consider future directions for research. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

SOCIOLOGY

58. Madden, Amy.
Stolen beauty : healing the scars of child abuse : one woman's journey / Amy Madden. Syren Book Co., ©2007. 196 p.
362.764 MAD

An accomplished travel writer and mother of three, Madden offers one of the most heart-wrenching accounts of surviving child abuse ever written. At a young age of just six, she was subjected to sexual, physical, verbal, and emotional abuse by her stepfather. Madden further recounts how after her stepfather's remarriage, he was convicted of abusing the children of his next wife. Madden's testimony at his trial is riveting. Her reflections on the healing process and her astounding capacity for forgiveness are a highlight of this hard-to-put-down tearjerker. Her resounding faith in herself is a marvelous anthem for other victims of child abuse. Madden ends with some concrete recommendations toward making child abuse prevention everyone's business. The hidden message in this insightful volume is that child abuse does not have to end tragically and that there are ways to overcome the past. It is never too late to start believing again, recover the lost faith, and rediscover who you truly are. -- K (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

59. Public health & human rights : evidence-based approaches / edited by Chris Beyrer and H.F. Pizer. Johns Hopkins University Press, ©2007. 470 p. 362.1 PUB

This well constructed volume reveals the connections between global health initiatives and human rights violations. Based on an array of case studies, it seeks to explore the best way to study and analyze the complex interactions between rights and health. It also looks at the way the efforts of human rights advocates affect health outcomes. Divided into three sections, the book talks about the relationship between rights work and public health practices in several countries including the U.S., elaborates on new methodologies and practices, and makes recommendations for future programs and strategies. Apart from students and practitioners, the book will prove to be a valuable read for public health workers. -- CH/K/ND

60. Social democracy in the global periphery : origins, challenges, prospects / Richard Sandbrook ... [et al.]. Cambridge University Press, 2007. 289 p. 320.531 SOC

This impressive book restores one's sense of political hope. It focuses on social-democratic regimes that have, to varying degrees, reconciled the exigencies of achieving growth through globalized markets with extensions of political, social, and economic rights. It challenges the conventional notion that globalization has made social democracy impossible. The authors show that opportunities exist to achieve significant social progress in the periphery, despite a global economic order that favors the core industrial countries. Their findings are based on a comparative analysis of four exemplary cases—Kerala (India), Costa Rica, Mauritius and Chile (since 1990). The analysis reveals two significant findings. First the four exemplars cannot be dismissed as inexplicable, historical accidents. Second, these cases have accommodated, but avoided capitulating to, global neoliberalism. The four exemplars have preserved or even improved their social achievements since neoliberalism emerged hegemonic in the 1980s. -- M

61. Sociology in America : a history / edited by Craig Calhoun. University of Chicago Press, ©2007. 913 p. 301 SOC

Sociology in America is an excellent resource that tracks the development of sociology in the United States. It takes an investigative in-depth look at the immensely complex field of sociology in the U.S. over the past hundred years. It is a sociological history written by the sociologists. The remarkable collection of essays included in this volume analyses the growth of social science discipline. Every chapter in this volume presents a new perspective of the subject discipline. The book discusses several great men, women, and school of thoughts in context of various analytic questions. Wide in its scope, this book has a lot for delving deep into the sociological history of the United States. -- CH/M/ND

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